



# Arizona Sun Winter December 2011



## *From the President* *By Sara Wolters*

We had our first snow in Prescott, so I guess it's time to welcome in the holiday season and winter. It hardly seems possible!

Our recent Fall Forum allowed us to share ideas about ways to revitalize AAUW in our branches. Be sure to read the article by Donna Haugland in this newsletter. She did an excellent job of capturing the meeting. Pat Zajicek's article also gives a sense of how energizing the day was. However, since there were only about 50 attendees out of the 1,100 state members, we need to decide whether Fall Forum is worth the effort it takes to put on such an event. Pat's article has some proposals we'll be exploring as we go forward. Your ideas and suggestions will be welcome. Just send me an email.

We have been discussing establishing a mentoring team at the state level, which would be able to assist branches in a number of ways, such as fund raising planning, establish a mentoring program at a local college, leadership training for new officers, website support, new member recruitment, member retention. We will be moving forward with this in the next months. This could go under the heading "How Can the State Support the Branches." Ideas are welcome, whether you would be a mentor or a mentee.

The State Convention will be here in no time. April feels far off, but the committee is hard at work. See the article in this newsletter, and use the registration form to let the committee know you will be in **Prescott on April 13 and 14.**

Branches have been busy with their Arizona Centennial projects. See the invitations to join Casas Adobe, Tucson and Green Valley on **February 18.** Just a week later, Scottsdale will be "Celebrating Arizona Women" on the **24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** at the Scottsdale Performing Arts Center.

Dates and location have been set for the Regional Conference: **June 8, 9, and 10** at the Radisson Hotel at the



Phoenix Airport. The committee is expecting seven states to be represented: Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, Wyoming and Montana. The program is still in the works. We'll keep you posted as details are worked out. If you are available to assist on one of those days, we'd love to hear from you.

The state board will meet next on January **29, 2012**, at the Mustang Library in Scottsdale at 1:30. Notices will be sent out closer to that date, but mark your calendar now if you are the branch

representative. We will be reviewing any branch grant requests at that time. We approved two at the last board meeting, one for Scottsdale to purchase the film Miss Representation and one to assist the three branches that are presenting their centennial celebration in February. Yours could be next. **Details for the grant application are on the website.**

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. I hope the decorations, food, weather, and family and friends will be just what you hope them to be.



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# AAUW ARIZONA

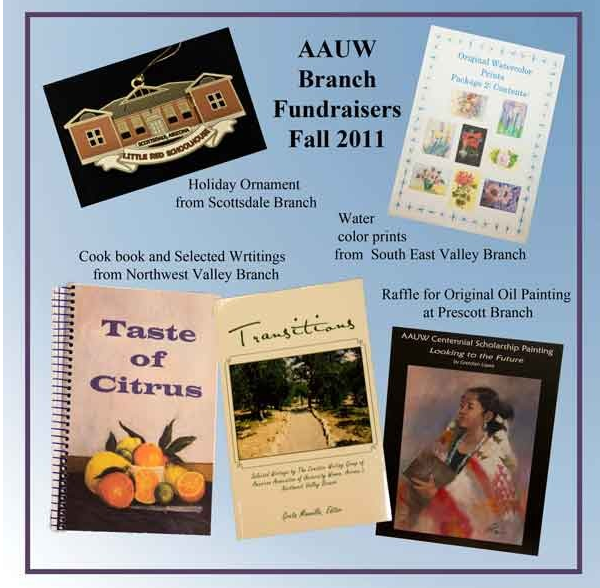
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ELECT		
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## Branch Fundraisers Support Mission



**Do you wonder what the other branches are doing? [www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org) has links to all the branches, their website, president and membership VPs. Take a virtual trip some day and meet the neighbors.**

**AAUW AZ Board Meetings**  
 Sunday, January 29, 2012  
 Friday, April 13, 3012



**Deadline for Spring 2012 articles: February 8th, 2012**

**Arizona Sun Distribution**—Remember that this newsletter, The Arizona Sun is now being sent out via email to branch presidents. It is also available on the state website [www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org). The state is not mailing any copies. If your branch mails your branch newsletter to some members who do not have email, the state will reimburse a branch for printing and mailing the state newsletter to those same members, up to 20% of your total membership. Just send your reimbursement request to Gail Garrison, state treasurer. A claim form is on the website.

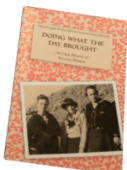
**J. A. Jance will speak at East Mesa Branch**

The East Mesa Branch of Arizona AAUW is very excited about our fundraising Author's Luncheon on January 28th, 2012! J.A. Jance has agreed to be our speaker. This change from annual fashion show to Author's luncheon was started by Lucia Causey, and this is our third year! We have men and women coming to enjoy the speakers as well as the lunch, the raffle, and a marvelous Silent Auction which includes specialty baskets and charming items donated by women knowing this will help support our local scholars. We usually hear a few words from some of our girls who receive these funds. We encourage people from all over to join us. AFTER Dec 9th, if you would like a seat there may still be some available. Tickets are \$35. Contact Kay Steckelberg at 480-325-8846 or email:[klms37@cox.net](mailto:klms37@cox.net) —Deanna Long

**FALL FORUM: 11/12/2011**

Fall Forum this year was absolutely inspiring. I only wish that more of you could have experienced it.

The keynote speaker was **Dr. Mary Rothschild**, Emeritus Professor at ASU, who gave a poignant presentation of photos of the pioneer women of Arizona. The program was a result of Dr. Rothschild's oral history project. The photos were accompanied by reenacted transcriptions of the women's stories. It was as if they were personally talking to us. These women from all cultures, including Native American, African American and Mexican, spoke of the hardships they endured in the early days of Arizona's development, including the relentless summer heat and constant dust storms. Through it all these women brought culture, schools, churches, hospitals, museums and various social and political clubs to Arizona.



Our next speaker was **Jean Johnson**, a member of the AAUW Scottsdale branch. She spoke about "Start Smart" which is a three hour workshop presented by AAUW in partnership with the WAGE Project. It coaches women entering the workforce on how to negotiate the highest possible salary and benefits for their work. Currently, the wage gap (which is figured by comparing women working full time to men working full time) is 77.4% for white women, 69% for African Americans and 57% for Latinos. Figuring this another way, women lose \$1.2 million over their working lifetime with a Bachelors Degree and \$2.1 million for a woman with advanced degrees.

Following a wonderful lunch of soup, salad and cake we had a Breakout Session of Round Table Discussions. A special guest, Julia Brown, an AAUW Director at Large from Oakland, added interest to one of the discussion groups, which brainstormed about all sorts of issues from



growing membership to websites and blogs. Other tables discussed a wide range of public policy issues and details of how membership and treasurers can work well together at the branch and state levels.

Our last session of the day was "STEM with Middle School Girls" by **Marie Wolbach**, who received an AAUW Educational Foundation grant to start Tech Trek in CA. Since 1998 nearly 8000 girls have received AAUW branch or partner scholarships to attend one of ten week-long math and science camps at eight CA college campuses. For many of these girls, it has changed their lives completely. Tech Trek ([www.aauw-techtrek.org](http://www.aauw-techtrek.org)) was a finalist for the AAUW Breaking through Barriers Award in 2011. We were all left inspired to start a Tech Trek program in AZ.



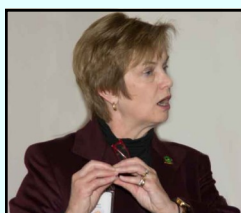
I certainly hope you will consider attending AZ-AAUW's next event. The 2012 Convention April 13th and 14 in Prescott. - Donna Haugland, AZ Corresponding Secretary

**FALL FORUM:  
IS IT OF VALUE?**

By Pat Zajicek, State Membership VP

Prior to the Forum November 12, many members, myself included, wondered if there was sufficient reason to continue having two state meetings in a year, especially given the lower registrations recently. Others, older and wiser than I, felt the Forum was a necessary event for information exchange and training. Conventions usually leave little time for anything other than ceremony and state business.

Comments from several attendees were that this was one of the best Forums, ever.



The inspiring and relevant speakers were: **Dr. Jan Gehler**, President of Scottsdale Community College and a great AAUW booster, Dr. Mary Rothschild, Professor Emerita, ASU, who spoke on the Lives of Arizona

Women, Jean Johnson, who talked about Start Smart, a training that teaches how to negotiate for appropriate starting salaries, and also Marie Wolbach who reported phenomenal success with STEM summer camps for eighth grade girls in California.

These speakers generated much of the energy that built during the meeting, but also very successful were the lunchtime counterpart meetings. In the past, these have been somewhat lackluster, but this year, questions and answers flew.

These were followed by Roundtable discussions on three topics, Public Policy, Women's Equity, and Membership and Treasurer's Work Together. The sense of energy was palpable with the tables overflowing with members eager to ask questions. Handouts were provided by the Financial and Membership group that should help with the increasingly complex dues responsibilities.

The consensus of most of those who attended the Forum was that meetings providing training and information exchange are essential. Suggested formats were to:

- continue the Fall Forum with emphasis on counterpart discussions and roundtable discussions and training.
- resurrect the old District Meeting format where several branches in an area would meet together in a Forum-like session.
- schedule meetings similar to the Forum that would meet once a year in various areas of the state and would be open to anyone in the state who wanted to take part.

The State Board would like input from branches as to what format they think would be most effective. We also want to know if branches will commit to sending representatives to these meetings for such training. Training and information exchange would specifically be for branch presidents, membership chairs, treasurers, and public policy chairs, with other officers and branch members encouraged to attend, also. Questionnaires will be sent shortly by e-mail to branch officers for input to future planning of such meetings.

**Please give this some thought and be prepared to return your suggestions.**

**Celebrate the Centennial in Tucson**

**WHAT:** Luncheon at the historic Manning House in Tucson, Arizona, to celebrate Arizona's centennial. This is a very special event hosted by three AAUW branches: Casas Adobes Tucson, Green Valley, and Tucson. It has been generously underwritten by our Arizona President and Board of Directors in the form of a Branch Grant. We are grateful for the support, and hope that you will make plans to attend!

Between 11 a.m. and noon you will be entertained in the mansion's gallery by a string quartet. A no-host bar will be available. Lunch will be served in the ballroom at 12:15 p.m., with a choice of three delicious entrees. Our featured speaker is Bettina Lyons, the grand-daughter of the Steinfelds who came to Tucson in the early twentieth century and started a successful business. Ms. Lyons has written a book about her family and copies of "Life in Southern Arizona at the Turn of the Century" will be available for purchase and signing. There also will be displays showing what life was like when Arizona became a State.

**WHEN AND WHERE: Saturday, February 18, 2012, at the Manning House in downtown Tucson.** The event begins at 11 a.m., and concludes at 2 p.m. If you haven't been to the Manning House, you will be impressed by its beauty and historic features!

Again, we extend a most warm welcome to all of our AAUW-AZ members. We hope that you will join us on this historic occasion. Please note the registration form appears here in the Arizona Sun.

— Jeanne Clarke for members of the Casas Adobes Tucson, Green Valley, and Tucson Branches



US Flag with 46 stars  
1908 to 1912



US Flag with 48 stars  
1912 to 1959



*The AAUW Branches of Tucson, Green Valley, and Casas Adobes Tucson*

Cordially Invite You to Celebrate the

**Arizona Centennial**

at the

**Historic Manning House**  
450 W. Paseo Redondo  
Tucson

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**11 a.m.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s)Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of Entrée:** (Check one)

Sliced Mesquite Grilled  
Tri-Tip \_\_\_\_\_

Oven Roasted Peppercorn Dusted  
White Fish \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetable Stack \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of Event-\$40**  
(Salad, Entree, Dessert)

**Total Enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Registration:**  
**Friday, February 10, 2012**

*Make Check Payable to:*  
*AAUW-Tucson Branch*  
*And mail to:*

*Jeanne Clarke*  
*855 E. Placita Leslie*  
*Tucson, AZ 85718-1960*

### Marvel Bongart Fellowship



Marvel's fund has already raised about \$65,000. That is well on the way to \$100,000 which is our obligation. We have had support from several AAUW branches beyond East Mesa which we treasure, as well as additional support from Marvel's family. When we reach the goal, the interest our money earns will be applied to the Fellowship, so we would like to get there quickly! You can make checks payable to AAUW Funds

and indicate in the memo line that the contribution is for this fund. I did not have the pleasure of knowing Marvel Bongart, but our East Mesa Branch Past President Donna Mercier describes her as a dynamic woman, well worth remembering. This namesake fund providing fellowships for women is a fitting way to honor Marvel Bongart.

### Flagstaff Events

AAUW Flagstaff Branch will host a holiday party Dec. 9 at NAU's 1899 Bar and Grill. We will announce the four Flagstaff women who were selected to be featured at the Centennial Celebration in February in Scottsdale.

In 2012, we'll have as guest speakers a representative of the Flagstaff Leadership Council and a Centennial Presentation by our own amateur historian and writer Joan Brundige-Baker. We will be planning a major outreach project using the AAUW anti-harassment program and inviting local high school administrators to participate.

This upcoming election is very important to women, so AAUW will work on voter education and participation through workshops and forums.

### Lend a Hand to AAUW-AZ!

AAUW branch members in Arizona enjoy the camaraderie, intellectual stimulation of listening to branch guest speakers, sharing thoughts with one another, fun activities and showing our support for women and girls in our communities. All of us share our diverse talents at the branch level, and have a great time doing so.

Sometimes sharing our talents takes the form of serving as an officer and/or board member to ensure that our organization maintains the activities that members love, that its key functions are accomplished, and that it maintains its commitment to the AAUW mission.

Serving as an officer or committee member for AAUW-AZ accomplishes all these things. Serving at the state level gives members a greater understanding of what AAUW is all about, and a chance to hone their skills and talents for the good of all AAUW members in Arizona.

We need a few good women (and men) to take on leadership roles at the state level. Take the challenge of participating in state governance. Show other members your commitment to

AAUW by offering to take on one of following positions--  
**State officers: State Treasurer, Program Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary**  
**State Committees: AAUW Funds Chair, Finance Committee Chair, and Public Policy Chair** All terms begin June 30, 2012. Please contact your Branch President, Carol Dow, Nominating Committee Chair, or a member of the Nominating Committee: Jane Adrian, Sandra Bennett, Shirley Talley, and Kay Weede to get more information and to indicate your interest.

**It's your turn to lend a hand to AAUW-AZ.**

### Prescott Hosts State Convention

"Weaving the Future Out of the Past" will be the theme of the AAUW State Convention in Prescott **April 13-14, 2012**. A registration form is on the next page of *The Sun*. (p.5) Deadline for convention registration is **April 4**, with a discount for early registration. Registration for the Friday night dinner must be postmarked by **March 28**.

The optional Friday evening dinner will be at the historic Hotel St. Michael at the corner of Gurley and Montezuma streets in downtown Prescott **April 13 at 5 pm**, featuring special guest Jody Drake as Sharlot Hall, telling tales of Arizona's early days. The menu will be chicken breast Marsala, roasted red potatoes and seasonal vegetables, with cheesecake for dessert, coffee, or tea. A cash bar (wine and soda only) will be available.

Saturday's convention will be at **Wyndham Gardens Hotel** on east Highway 69 on **April 14, with check-in starting at 8 am and programs from 9-4:30**. A deli lunch is included. Programs include a speaker from AAUW's national office, a discussion of designing and presenting a workshop on school bullying, and an introduction to AAUW's Program in a Box resources. A limited number of discounted rooms are available at both the St. Michael and Wyndham Gardens Hotels.

At Wyndham Gardens, rooms are \$89-109 double occupancy, including a continental breakfast. Deadline for reservations is **March 14**. The hotel is located at 4499 E. Hwy.69, phone 928-777-0770. Mention the AAUW Convention to get the special rate. To see the hotel and its facilities, go to <http://www.wyndham.com/hotels/PRCWG/main.wnt>.

The **Hotel St. Michael** is offering rooms at \$89 double occupancy, with breakfast included. Free parking is available in the Granite Street Garage one block past Montezuma St. Deadline for reservations is **March 30**; call 1-800-678-3757 and mention the AAUW Convention for the special rate. Go to <http://www.stmichaelhotel.com/home.htm> to see the hotel's features. For other lodging options, go to <http://www.prescott.org/lodging.html>. **Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend this exciting event!**



**AAUW-Arizona State Convention**

*Weaving the Future out of the Past*

Saturday, April 14, 2012

Wyndham Garden Hotel, 4499 E Hwy 69, Prescott



Optional Dinner 5:00 p.m., Friday night, April 13

Hotel St. Michael 205 W Gurley St., Prescott

**REGISTRATION FORM: Deadline April 4, 2012\***  
**NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE AFTER THE DEADLINE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIPcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Current Office: State \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: (Includes Deli Buffet Lunch on Saturday) \$ \_\_\_\_\_\*

\*If postmarked by March 28 - **\$38.00**. If postmarked later - **\$43.00**

Dinner Friday, April 13 at **5:00 p.m.** at Hotel St. Michael - **\$40.00** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Not available with late registrations.

Total check enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_\*\*\*

**\*\*\*Make checks payable to AAUW-AZ and mail, along with this form, to:  
AAUW-AZ Convention, 2710 College Heights Rd., Prescott, AZ 86301**

**Breakout Sessions – Presentations describing the following “AAUW Program in a Box” subjects:**

**Please indicate 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> preferences:**

- \_\_\_ Global Issues for Women and Girls
- \_\_\_ The World Medical Card
- \_\_\_ Recruit and Retain College/University Partner Members
- \_\_\_ Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- \_\_\_ Human Trafficking

Saturday Morning Check-In 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
Program begins at 9:00 a.m. and will end by 4:30 p.m.

### ***Celebrating Arizona Women***

An official 2012 Arizona Centennial Legacy Project, Celebrating Arizona Women (CAW) will chronicle the legacy and diversity of Arizona women. The stage presentation, featuring song, dance, and storytelling, will be held **February 24 and 25 at Scottsdale Community College (SCC) Performing Arts Center**. CAW will celebrate contributions of our more memorable residents. Examples include Nellie Cashman, an early business woman in Tombstone whose boarder, Doc Holliday, threatened to slay a man who dared to complain about her cooking. Memorialized by Judy Garland, the Harvey Girls are credited with bringing gentility and guests to Arizona. Imported by a French madam, Can-Can dancers were applauded as exquisite gems of the desert by lonely miners. The Sisters of Mercy began by nursing tuberculosis patients at the turn of the century and their primitive hospital has evolved into two premier institutions. From a Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian legend, to Governor Rose Mofford (who, as a teen, spent a year being a softball professional with the Queens team), Arizona's Historian Marshall Trimble will regale the audience with highpoints in the lives of women who helped shape the State. Then the center screen will feature modern counterparts from around the State.

This event is a partnership between SCC and Scottsdale AAUW (American Association of University Women). There are other women's organizations assisting with the sketches such as the League of Women Voters who will depict noisy and effective suffragists. Exemplifying teachers in a one room school, Scottsdale Historical Society will note the rigid conduct they obeyed while nurturing the minds of children. Mujer, Inc. will show how early Latina settlers worked side by side with their partners as they homesteaded.

Advance tickets (\$20.) may be purchased through Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation at [www.maricopa.edu/foundation/egive](http://www.maricopa.edu/foundation/egive)

Tickets will also be sold at the door. Net proceeds will provide scholarships for SCC students.

### ***Conventional Wisdom***

They curl deep  
into the underbelly  
of the city that drives the world.  
They sleep in tattered tents,  
blue and yellow,  
on postage squares of grass  
as the city, unconcerned,  
awakens around them.  
The less fortunate  
of the nation's unfortunate  
sleep in plastic cocoons,  
leaf bags draped over grocery carts  
holding the contents of their lives.  
Or they drape over benches  
lining the sidewalks  
that crisscross the city,  
leading—for them—nowhere.  
Others lie,  
backs against brick walls  
of towering buildings  
representing all that is unattainable  
from their position,  
barely mobile.  
The sun rises,  
welcomed by the city now awake,  
dreaded by those  
curled against life  
against fate  
against reality.

My taxi speeds past,  
blurring them all.

Claudia Greenwood  
AAUW Convention  
Washington, DC  
June, 2011



*There are two kinds of truth: the truth that lights the way and the truth that warms the heart. The first of these is science, and the second is art. Neither is independent of the other or more important than the other. Without art science would be as useless as a pair of high forceps in the hands of a plumber. Without science art would become a crude mess of folklore and emotional quackery. The truth of art keeps science from becoming inhuman, and the truth of science keeps art from becoming ridiculous.*

*-Raymond Thornton Chandler,  
writer (1888-1959)*

**AAUW Mission Statement**  
**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There are no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

[www.aauwarizona.org](http://www.aauwarizona.org)  
[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)



**Check out "Shape the Future" at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)**



Once you are on the website, click on the Member Center tab and then fill in your ID number to log in. On the tabs at the left, select Membership Campaign and then "Shape the Future." This might help when recruiting new members.

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